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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CC Docket 02-33 – Notice of De-Tariffing of Common Carrier
Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, and consistent with the requirements of paragraph 101 of the Commission's Report and Order in CC Docket Number 02-33, released September 23, 2005 ("*Wireline Broadband Order*"), this is to notify you that the D&E Telephone Operating Companies¹ intend to commence offering their wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a de-tariffed basis. While the service will be de-tariffed, it will continue to be offered on a common carrier basis. Accordingly, they will be removing the following from the list of carriers providing Digital Subscriber Line service under NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective February 12, 2006:

<u>Companies</u>	<u>Study Area Number</u>
Denver and Ephrata Telephone Company	170165
Conestoga Telephone Company	170162
Buffalo Valley Telephone Company	170151

The D&E Telephone Operating Companies have only one customer currently taking such service, and that customer is an affiliate of the D&E Companies. Notification to that affiliate customer was accomplished today by e-mail and by inter-office memo. A copy of the notice is attached.

¹ The D&E Telephone Operating Companies consist of Buffalo Valley Telephone Company, Conestoga Telephone Company and Denver and Ephrata Telephone Company.

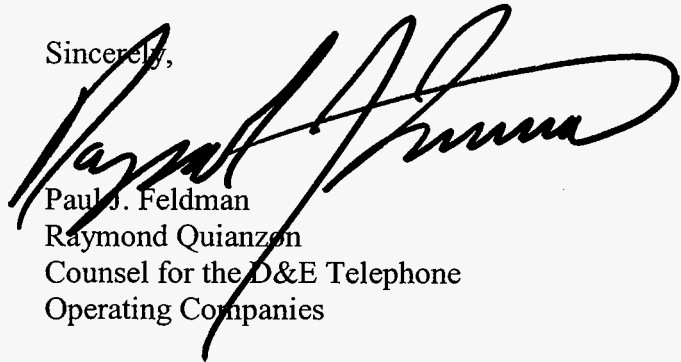
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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
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Pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 101 of the *Wireline Broadband Order*, a copy of this Notice is being sent to the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania PUC, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense. A copy of this notice is also being sent to NECA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul J. Feldman', is written over the typed name and title.

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January 12, 2006

Notice by the D&E Telephone Operating Companies¹ to Provide Wireline Broadband
Internet Access Transmission Service on a De-tariffed Basis

Pursuant to the Report and Order adopted August 5, 2005² by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), facilities-based wireline carriers are permitted to offer broadband Internet access transmission common carrier services pursuant to tariff, or on a de-tariffed basis. Those carriers choosing to offer wireline broadband internet access on a de-tariffed basis are required to continue to provide wireline broadband internet transmission service for one year on a grandfathered basis to unaffiliated ISP's and were required to provide notice to certain parties of the carrier's intent to discontinue providing wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. This notice by the D&E Telephone Operating Companies (D&E) fulfills that requirement.

The reason D&E has elected to make this change in its offer of wireline broadband Internet access transmission service is simple. Currently, the D&E companies are required to offer wireline broadband Internet access transmission under the rates, terms and conditions of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) tariffs. The rates per NECA's tariff are nation-wide average rates that are higher than what the D&E Company's costs are, according to information provided by NECA. By electing to make this change, D&E will be able to offer lower prices instead of using NECA tariffs as a basis to ISP's for the provision of broadband Internet transmission service. With this change, we hope to increase the use of broadband Internet access, a goal shared not only by D&E but also by the Federal government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

While the de-tariffing of this service does not constitute a discontinuance of service, the FCC has asked carriers doing this sort of de-tariffing to follow procedures similar to those required for the discontinuance of service. Consistent with those requirements, we inform you that the address for the D&E Companies is 124 E. Main St., Ephrata, Pennsylvania. We also inform you that the geographic areas affected by this change are the certificated telecommunications territories served by Denver and Ephrata Telephone Company, Conestoga Telephone Company and Buffalo Valley Telephone Company. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

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² FCC 05-150, Released September 23, 2005

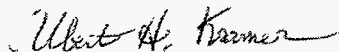
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If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the §63.71 Application of D&E Telephone Operating Companies. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

This notice is an informational notice only, required by the FCC. No action is required on your part. If you do have any questions, feel free to call Mr. Leonard Beurer, Vice President of Regulatory for the D&E companies at 717-738-8606.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Albert H. Kramer".

Albert H. Kramer
Senior VP - Operations

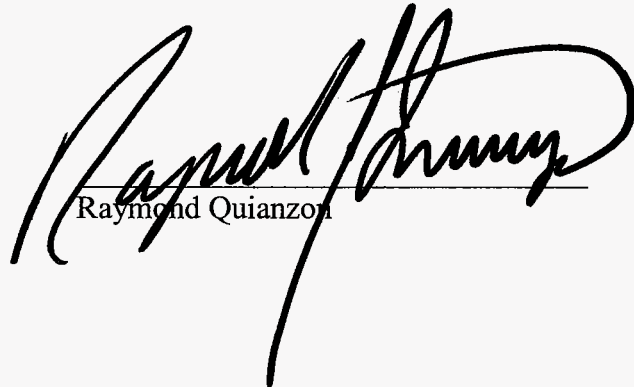
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Raymond Quianzon, hereby certify that a copy of the forgoing Notice of De-Tariffing has been sent, by first class mail postage prepaid, this 12th day of January 2006, to the following:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Governor Edward G. Rendell's Office
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

James J. McNulty, Secretary
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